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## **CITY IN PREPARATION MODE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT Team in Place to Deal with Ebola or Other Infectious Diseases**

Middletown – Mayor Daniel T. Drew said that city departments, local schools, and other agencies have reviewed and updated The City of Middletown’s Emergency Operations Plan to deal with potential health concerns. The Mayor said that the city is taking precautionary measures. “If a public health emergency should ever be declared, we want to be prepared,” Mayor Drew said.

He went on to explain that the city has put together a team to monitor and assess any developments related to public health threats and how these can impact the community. The team includes the health department, first responders and representatives from Middlesex Hospital, educational institutions as well as other agencies in the city. He noted that the city’s team will be responsible for coordinating response efforts with other municipalities, the governor’s office, and federal agencies.

The Mayor said that the city will rely on protocol already developed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health to respond to any public health emergency. He added that communicating information to citizens will be a critical part of the process.

“In the event of any emergency, we intend to keep our residents informed with accurate and timely information,” the Mayor noted.

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